

AG PLAN REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM



SUMMARY

PACD offers grants to reimburse farmers to help cover the cost of developing a nutrient/manure management, conservation, or agricultural erosion control plan.

- New program in PA FY 2022/2023
- Administered by PACD
- Annual program funding (2022/23): \$500,000
- Allocation Source: PA DEP Growing Greener Grant Program

FEATURES

Plan builds on pilot DEP program launched in 2020/21 to encourage the development of farm plans to control erosion and nutrient runoff.

More than one plan can be submitted for cost-share assistance. First-come, first-served basis.

Simple, 3-page application to apply for plan reimbursement.

ELIGIBILITY

Who is Eligible?

- Farm operators in Pennsylvania who need to update an existing plan or develop a new agricultural plan to manage manure, fertilizers or sediment runoff. Covers costs charged by a consultant, technical service provider, or conservation district.

Eligible Costs

- Fees to create manure management (Chapter 91), nutrient management (Chapter 83), and agricultural erosion and sediment control plans (Chapter 102; NRCS).
- Maximum reimbursement per plan is \$1,500 or 80% of the cost of the plan, whichever is lower. Reimbursement allowed for more than one plan up to a maximum of \$6,000 per operator/landowner.
- 20% match required from landowner.
- Up to 20% of the total plan reimbursement can be used to cover education/outreach, office supplies and time for data entry.

HELPFUL TIPS

Application requires a budget summary of agricultural planning costs, education and outreach, data entry, reporting, and office supplies.

Information from the plan will be entered into PracticeKeeper for state reporting on progress to meet pollution reduction goals.

HOW TO APPLY

Application deadline: June 20, 2024

Applications will be reviewed as received. The grant round will stay open until funds are exhausted or the end of grant period, whichever comes first.

Link to application: [Registration Form](#)

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